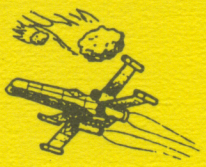

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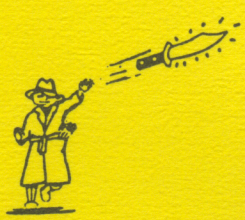

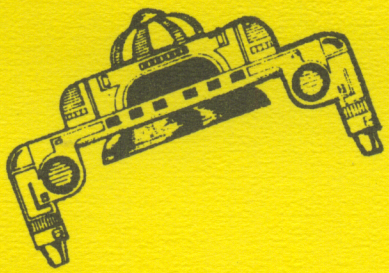

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About Cheat!

Have you ever wished you could play a game with unlimited lives? Would you like to see screens that you have never seen before, or see what programs do when you win? With Cheat! you can. Cheat! will take any version of a program, a copy of the original, a file, a back-up made with Chipmunk, even a backed-up cartridge, and allow you to play with unlimited lives.

NOTE: We strongly recommend that you use Cheat! only on back-up copies of your original program. Although Cheat! can't harm your original, it's always better to be safe than sorry.

Loading Instructions

To load Cheat!, insert the Cheat! disk in the disk drive. Hold down the OPTION key, and turn on your computer. If you are using an 800 or upgraded 400, you don't need to hold OPTION, but you do need to remove the BASIC cartridge before turning on the computer.

The disk will spin, and the main menu screen with two choices will appear. Press the '1' key to run Cheat!, press the '2' key to run Uncheat!.

Using Cheat!

Cheat! is a utility that allows you to alter games, so you can play them with an unlimited number of lives. When you press '1' at the main menu, you'll see a list of programs, plus some other options.

To cheat a game, select the name of the game from the menu on the screen by pressing the letter corresponding to it. All the games are in alphabetical order.

Press the Space Bar to see more games. Press 'Z' for a directory of all the game names on the Cheat! disk. The number after each entry in the directory is the sector number were that file begins.

When you choose a game, Cheat! will prompt you to insert the disk with the game you wish to modify. Insert the disk. If you know the sector number where the lives routine begins, you can enter that sector number. If you're not sure where the lives routines is located, just press '1'. Cheat! will search the disk for the lives routine, and change it.

After Cheat! has changed the lives routines, the list of programs will reappear on the screen. Press 'X' to reboot. The game in the disk drive will load and run.

Uncheat!

Uncheat! is identical to Cheat!, except that it takes a game with unlimited lives, and changes it back to the way it originally was. Follow the same instructions as for Cheat!.

Easter Eggs

Easter Eggs are little surprises that programmers sometimes put in the programs they write. They may give you unlimited lives, let you choose the starting screen, or just display a message. Below are some Easter Eggs you might try.

Donkey Kong Jr. - As soon as the game starts, press the Space Bar. The game will pause. Hold down the Shift key, and type BOOGA. Press the Space Bar again to begin the game. Pressing 'K' will make you immune from everything but falling. Pressing 'S' will allow you to select any of the four screens.

Ghostbusters - Try using the name GOO and entering account 11111111.

Preppie - Before you begin a game, press Shift-Control-Atari (or Shift-Control-Inverse) to start at a secret level. Press Shift-Control-Insert to toggle between 3 and 5 lives.

Caverns of Mars - On higher levels (like Commander) you can skip to the next section by pressing the Tab-Control-Shift keys on the Left side of the keyboard.

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Uncheat!, included on the Cheat! disk, will convert the programs back to the way they originally were. When you've won the game, you can change it back and try again, with the original number of lives.

Cheat! also includes some Easter Eggs, little surprises or secret tricks sometimes hidden in games.

Get Cheat! and become an expert at your favorite games.